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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday at 12.05 pm Saturday at 9 am & 5 pm (Vigil) Sunday at 9 am & 11 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday to Friday at 11.30 am Saturday at 4.30 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 10 am to 4 pm Susan Lee, Parish Secretary

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

(Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA)

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Letty Denovan 416.755.9569

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Alice Warford

OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH

Rev Fr Charles Collins, Pastor 416.264.6544 Sunday Masses at 12.30 & 4.30 pm (in Tamil)



Monday December 3

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

12:05 pm In honour of St. Francis Xavier requested by Jane Rocha

Tuesday December 4

St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

12:05 pm In honour of St. Anthony for graces received requested by Angela

Wednesday December 5

12:05 pm † Denise Marie Connors

requested by her father, Jim Connors

Thursday December 6

St. Nicholas, Bishop

12:05 pm In thanksgiving

requested by Lida Quial

Friday December 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:05 pm † Patricia McCormick

requested by Fatima Cabral

Saturday December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am In hounor of the Immaculate Conception

requested by Jane Rocha

5 pm † Florence Ducharme

requested by Charles & Lorraine Rozario

Sunday December 9

Second Sunday of Advent

9 am † Teodulo Hipolito

requested by the Llarenas family

11 am † Thomas Banks

requested by Alice & Brian Warford



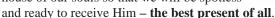
The Jesus who is born in time and history is also the Christ who will come in glory to judge all.

The season of Advent begins with a call to perseverance and vigilance as we

prepare to celebrate not just the historical event of the birth Jesus of Nazareth, but our central belief that Christ will come again in glory to judge all humanity. Our readings are chosen to help us reflect on this great truth and be prepared for the coming of Christ

DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Advent is the time for us to prepare in humility, contrition and penance for the commemoration of the first coming of our Savior on earth at Christmas. The sacrament of confession is our opportunity to clean the house of our souls so that we will be spotless



Our parish Day of Confession will be held on Wednesday, December 19th from 10 am to noon.

CHRISTMAS SEASON PARISH CALENDAR

Friday, December 14th

Christmas concert at 7 pm

With parish children's choir, senior choir and guests Tickets \$20, proceeds to help repair the stained-glass windows

Saturday, December 22nd Fourth Sunday of Advent

5 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 23rd

9 & 11 am Mass

Monday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

12.05 pm No Weekday Mass

5 pm Christmas Family Mass with Children's Pageant

9.30 pm Christmas Mass at Night

Tuesday, December 25th

Christmas Day

10 am Christmas Mass

(Please note that only one Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Day)

December 26th to 28th

12.05 pm Weekday Mass

Saturday, December 29th

Holy Family

9 am Weekday Mass

5pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 30th

9 & 11 am Mass

Monday, December 31st

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

12.05 pm No Mass 5 pm Vigil Mass

Tuesday, January 1st

10 am Mass

(Please note that this solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics, and only one Mass will be celebrated on New Year's Day)



Opening: #492 - O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Offertory: #515 - Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming
Communion: #1041 - Now in This Banquet
Closing: #500 - O Come Divine Messiah



CARDINAL COLLINS ON THE PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

PART THREE

be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil

We should not make "the devil made me do it" an excuse for our sins; Satan tempts, but does not compel. God has granted



free will to each of us, and constantly guides and sustains us in the exercise of our free will not only directly, but also indirectly through His saints, like St Michael. But we are vulnerable to the snares of temptation. Each of us should reflect on the account in Genesis 3 of the tempting of Adam and Eve. That biblical passage reveals a common pattern of human folly and pride. It is a mirror in which, if we are honest, we can see ourselves. An inflated ego can

lead anyone astray, we can so easily succumb to the snares of temptation.

Christian tradition identifies three basic sources of temptation: the world, the flesh, and the devil. The world, the environment in which we live, which is scarcely conducive to a life of virtue, can ensnare us in temptation. Temptations can also come from within, from the flesh, and it is helpful to examine our consciences daily using the categories of the seven deadly sins, which are really facets of the temptations of the flesh:

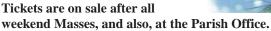
pride, anger, envy, greed, laziness, lust, and gluttony. And, finally, we can be tempted by the devil, the fallen angel of temptation. Read Matthew 4: 1-11 for the description of the temptation of Jesus in the desert. Recognition of the Satanic dimension of evil is part of our faith, and anyone who has even for a moment observed or experienced the resilient reality of evil in this world will not ignore it. We should not overemphasize or dramatize this fact of reality, or unhealthily dwell upon it, but we ignore it at our peril.

We can so easily be naïve, and fail to recognize the cosmic context of the earthly struggle against evil. St Paul corrects that when he writes "Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 6:11-12) Along with the world and the flesh, which we can comprehend more easily, the devil is a powerful source of temptation to evil, and those who have beheld or have experienced the sheer diabolic wickedness of some of the evil in this world will not fail to acknowledge that. So we work diligently to eradicate evil, and hold accountable those who engage in it, and most importantly we offer the alternative of sacrificial love, in the imitation of Christ. But we also engage in fasting, and in prayer, and especially the Prayer of St Michael. (To be continued)

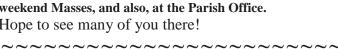
PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

For those who missed the chance to hear the Parish Choir sing at our last benefit concert, here is your second chance. On

Friday, December 14th, at 7 pm we will be having a Christmas Benefit Concert. All proceeds going directly to help in repairing the stained glass windows. I think you will agree the ones already repaired look amazing! Don't miss the chance to attend what promises to be an enchanting evening.



Hope to see many of you there!



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2018

This year, the Family Mass for Christmas Eve (Monday, December 24th at 5 pm) will include a children's pageant enacting the story of the birth of Jesus. All children of the parish (5 years and older) are invited to take part, and their families are asked to help with creating



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costumes. Please speak to any of the Children's Liturgy teachers or phone the parish office for more information.

Stained Glass Preservation



The first stage of work to restore the stained-glass windows of our church has been completed. This includes two complete windows and four lower panels, and not only do they look wonderful, but they are protected from damage and deterioration by the new framing and protective glass.

The next stage will take place next spring as weather and donations permit. We have been very fortunate to have a stained-glass craftsman come out of retirement to undertake this project for us, and it is important for us to move forward on this as much as we can. There are very few craftsmen

left who can undertake such work.

Many thanks go to all those who have contributed so generously to this project. The total cost for each window is approximately \$7,000, and we can only proceed to the extent that donations allow. In other words, we have to gather funds before more work can be done, and we have a total of 12 large windows and 4 smaller ones that need to be done.

There are special envelopes available at the entrance of the church, and some people have chosen to make small donations on a frequent basis. Some individuals and groups have chosen to sponsor an entire window, and dedicate the restoration as a memorial to a loved one to the memory of a loved. Special plaques will acknowledge major donations.

Please help to preserve the heritage of our parish.

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